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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: JA, PARM
SUBJECT: FONOFF COMMENTS ON ARMS CONTROL

1. DURING APRIL 4 TOKYO STOPOVER, USUN OFFICER
HIRSCH MET WITH FONOFF DISARMAMENT DIVDIR WATANABE
FOR GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. WATANABE CONFIRMED
CONTINUING INTEREST OF GOJ IN RESTRAINTS ON
CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS (CAT), BUT NOTED HIS
OFFICE WAS PRESENTLY CONSIDERING WHETHER TO
PRESENT CAT LIMITATIONS IN BROADER ARMS CONTROL
CONTEXT SO AS TO LESSEN OPPOSITION ENCOUNTERED BY
ILL-FATED JAPANESE INITIATIVE AT LAST YEAR'S UNGA.
FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS WITH DEPARTMENT
AND ACDA THIS WEEK, GOJ WOULD SOUND OUT 16 CO-SPONSORS
OF 1976 JAPANESE RESOLUTION. AFTERWARDS GOJ WOULD
ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP SUPPORT FOR CAT RESTRAINTS
AMONG NON-ALIGNED. WATANABE AGREED WITH HIRSCH'S
CAUTION THAT ANY CAT INITIATIVE NOT BE TOO CLOSELY
IDENTIFIED WITH WESTERN POWERS.

2. WATANABE HOPED THAT SSOD WOULD NOT DEVELOP
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INTO "POLITICAL SLOGANEERING SESSION." HE AGREED WITH
VIEW EXPRESSED BY HIRSCH THAT CONSENSUS, RATHER
THAN VOTING, WOULD BE BEST PROCEDURE FOR SSOD AND
THAT EXCESSIVE DETAIL AND SPECIFIC TIMETABLES SHOULD
BE AVOIDED IN ANY SSOD RECOMMENDATIONS. WATANABE NOTED
THAT IN RESPONSE TO SECGEN'S REQUEST, GOJ WOULD SUBMIT
BY APRIL 15 BRIEF STATEMENT OUTLINING "ITEMS OF

INTEREST" FOR JAPAN -- IN PRIORITY OF IMPORTANCE,
THEY WOULD BE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, CONVENTIONAL
ARMS TRANSFERS, CHEMICAL WEAPONS, AND REDUCTIONS OF
MILITARY BUDGETS. HE OBSERVED THAT GOJ STATEMENT
WOULD NOT GO INTO PHILOSOPHY OR BASIC PRINCIPLES
OF DISARMAMENT AT ANY GREAT LENGTH.

3. WATANABE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BRIEFING AND
PAPER ON CAT PROVIDED JAPANESE LAST FALL BY ACDA.
HE HOPED THAT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE POSSIBLE
AND ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHEN NEW PAPER STEMMING FROM
PRESENT USG POLICY REVIEW ON CAT MIGHT BECOME AVAILABLE.
ALONG WITH WATANABE HIMSELF, AMBASSADOR OGISO WOULD
ATTEND SECOND SSOD PREPCOM IN MAY. HIRSH URGED THAT AS OGISO'S
TRAVEL PLANS DEVELOPED, JUN CONTACT USUN FOR MEETING WITH AMB LEONARD
IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO PREPCOM.
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